



The Ships' Log

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GAMES THIS WEEK

A Grade vs Willow Grove @ Willow Grove
B Grade vs Willow Grove @ Traf (bring arvo tea)
C Grade League wide bye
U16 vs Centrals @ Traf (Sunday)
U14 BYE (two weeks)
U12 vs Mirboo North @ MN synthetic (Monday)

News From Aboard The Ships

IF this cricket-loving writer can be facetious for a moment - a bit of global warming would be nice.

The worst possible hat-trick was achieved on Saturday, as were washed out yet again.

Players and officials were given a 'play where you can' directive from the LVDCL.

However, by 11am Saturday, most grounds were unfit to play, as rain-soaked outfielders had players sinking into the surface.

While the square at Peter Siddle Oval appeared fine, you would have needed footy boots to get around the outfield.

The surface wasn't as spongy at Traf, and those in B Grade probably could have got a start if they really wanted, while up at Mirboo North, C Grade was met with damp conditions that meant it was best to call it a day.

Unfortunately for C Grade, they will have to wait another week to get on the park regardless of weather, as they have a break for the Melbourne Cup.

On a positive, this should help with availability and filling the two senior teams.

A Grade has a historic day on the cards, as it travels to Willow Grove. B Grade is home for the fourth week in a row, and will be hoping this, yes this is the week they get afternoon tea.

Juniors are continuing, just not the 14s, who have a bye for the next two weeks.

Best wishes to all teams in their endeavours. Play hard, play well.

Wet October

Comparatively, this is certainly one of the wettest starts to a season in recent memory. Ordinarily you allow for one, maybe two washouts in October, but to have three in a row is certainly unusual.

Unusual, but not unique.

Still the wettest season I (Liam Durkin) have seen is 2010/11.

That season, Rounds 1, 3, 4 and 5 were all washed out.

All seasons after (except the one we are currently in) have seen no more than two washouts in October.

So if, God forbid, we get another one this weekend, it will have equalled this record.

Still, it might not be the most.

Assy tells me there was a season many moons ago where the first five games were washed out.

Welcome aboard

Great to have Lindsay George on board this season as our scorer.

Anyone who knows club cricket knows designated scorers are worth their weight in gold.

Lindsay, grandfather of reining club champion Aiden, will continue a history with the Ships dating back to the late 1980s.

He was one of the first coaches the club had, serving from 1988/89 to 1990/91.

It would be remiss to only mention his time at Traf, for he is regarded as a legend of the Central Gippsland Cricket Association, having served as a player, administrator, coach and umpire for more than 50 years.

In 2013 he was formally recognised by Cricket Victoria for his services to the game.

Lindsay actually answered the call for a scorer after reading about it in *The Express*.

Great to see a little old community newspaper still has that reach.



Thinking caps on

Despite no on field play, there was still some strategy that took place last Saturday. With the poker chips coming out, it was every man for himself around the table. Aydan Connolly and Liam White were the last two standing (technically sitting) with the latter eventually coming out victorious. The late Shane Warne was quite the poker player, playing in a number of professional tournaments.

Next gen

Good to see some young players captaining their club around the league this season. One look at Aydan and Latrobe skipper Benn Zomer discussing conditions at the weekend certainly made you think how quickly time flies. It doesn't seem that long ago the pair were playing in a flag winning 18s GCL team. It wasn't that long ago really - only four years.

Bizarre circumstances

Spare a thought for young Olly Hennessy. The poor kid is still yet to officially make his A Grade debut 10 months after first getting selected.

Olly was picked to play A Grade for the first game back after Christmas earlier in the year, only to catch COVID, and has now had to watch every week of this season get washed out. Fingers crossed he gets that cap soon.

Pretty please

If anyone reading this happens to win the \$160 mil on Thursday, feel free to put some toward the second oval.

The entire project has been costed around \$4 million - so surely you could spare a little in a case carrying \$160.

Who knows, maybe our friend Antony Devassy at Traf Newsagent has another Div 1 winner waiting in the wings.

Traf has already had a Div 1 winning ticket this year, while Burgo's store in Morwell had two in 18 months.

Thinking of you

Not wanting to use a local cricket club newsletter to talk politics, but our friends in the UK deserve some words of support.

I know we are far from a model of greatness but you would hate to think how disillusioned people have become in the whole system over there.

A PM gone after six weeks?

Granted we had four in five years but still...six weeks??

You would not believe it

This really is remarkable.

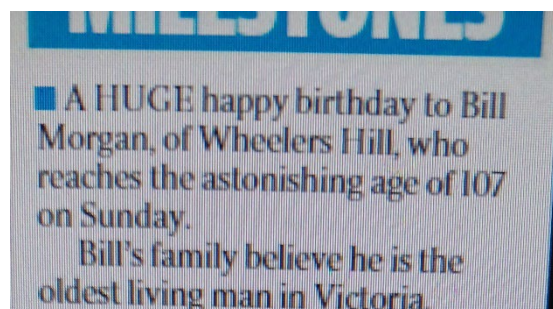
The club's oldest living past player, Reverend Bill Morgan, is still alive aged 107.

A birthday message to the Reverend appeared in the *Herald Sun* recently.

Forget oldest Traf player, he would have to be the oldest person in the state, possibly the country.

Rev Morgan played for Trafalgar in the late 1940s and early 1950s, playing in two premierships.

Both these team photos are up on the wall in the clubrooms.



Intense

What an atmosphere it must have been at the MCG on Sunday night.

More than 90,000 people came to watch a match at a neutral venue in a country located in a different hemisphere. Amazing.

For those unaware, the rivalry between India and Pakistan in cricket is one of the fiercest rivalries not just in cricket but in world sport.

Latest results

A Grade, B Grade, C Grade - all washed out

Under 14

At least one Traf team got on the park.

The 14s started their season with a win, defeating Centrals.

Batting first, the Ships closed at 5/129 from their 20 overs.

Top run scorers were Dylan van der Stoep, Memphis McQualter and Zak Larkin, who all retired after reaching 30.

Trafalgar then restricted their opponents to 6/61.

Matt Jackson took two wickets, while others to chip in were Charlie Hennessy, Will Mills, Zak Larkin and Olly White.

Under 16 & Under 12

Unfortunately the 16s and 12s were unable to get underway for their first game due to players being away, resulting in a win for one and loss for the other.

